

American Jewish Archives and Professor of the American Jewish Experience at the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati campus, offered one prayer in each chamber. He is among those at the volume's end who glowingly and justifiably endorse the book, writing "Howard Mortman's extensively researched volume is jam-packed with astonishing facts and enthralling stories. His book is likely to become the final word on this subject. Once you begin to read Mortman's captivating story of Jewish prayers on Capitol Hill, you will not want to put it down."

Rabbi Dr. Israel Zohennan is the founder and spiritual leader of Temple Lev Tikvah in Virginia Beach. He is honorary senior rabbi scholar at Eastern Shore Chapel Episcopal Church in Virginia Beach. He represents the Jewish community at civic events in the City of Chesapeake.

#### HONORING J.D. GROM'S SERVICE TO THE NEW DEMOCRAT COALITION

##### HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak on behalf of J.D. Grom, an exceptional staffer and someone I'm proud to have called a colleague and partner.

J.D. left Capitol Hill as the longest-serving Executive Director of the New Democrat Coalition, and I consider myself lucky that he held the role during my Chairmanship of the Coalition.

We talk a lot in the NewDems about "the future of work" and the fundamentally changing nature of our economy. Our Nation—and our world—have seen massive, disruptive economic change. I've even seen it personally. My first job was working at Westside Video in Port Angeles, Washington. As J.D. has heard me say countless times, it kind of bums me out that the words "Be Kind, Please Rewind" mean nothing to my two kids. They live in this extraordinary world of seemingly unlimited streaming video and on-demand content. That's good for them but was really disruptive if you worked at a video store. There are countless other examples. The reality is that today's kids are growing up in an economy that is globalized, interconnected and rapidly changing. That can lead to growth and prosperity, but too often leaves a swath of workers and even whole communities struggling to compete.

To J.D.'s credit, under his leadership, the NewDems kept these issues front and center. We worked closely together on issues like workforce development and lifelong learning accounts, portable benefits and placebased economic development.

J.D. never took his eye off the economic ball, and we're better for it as a Coalition. More than that, J.D. was a kind leader and a strong mentor to his staff. He's someone I could always look to as well for sound judgment and clear-eyed, strategic advice.

This Coalition has never been stronger, thanks in no small part to the service of J.D.

Grom. I wish him luck in his new role. To J.D.—as well as to his wife, Stacy, and his two kids, Emma and Jack, from whom we borrowed J.D. on many late nights and weekends—I offer my congratulations, my best wishes, and my sincere thanks for years of service.

The Force is strong with this one. We're expecting big things from J.D. ahead.

#### HOMETOWN HERO—RORY BABINEAUX

##### HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to include in the RECORD, the heartwarming story of Officer Rory Babineaux. A 16-year veteran of the Farmers Branch Police Department, Officer Babineaux was dispatched to a welfare concern call from the neighbor of an eighty-year-old resident concerned about the lady's health and safety.

When Officer Babineaux arrived on the scene to find although she was in good health, her air conditioner and plumbing were not working. Instead of passing the case off to others, he took it upon himself to contact local businesses like Right Choice Heating and Air and Metro North Plumbing, who found it in their hearts to waive all costs.

This story not only speaks volumes for the type of community Farmers Branch is, but more importantly the dedication Officer Babineaux has put into the people he has served over the last 16 years. I thank Officer Babineaux, his actions inspire me to serve TX-24 as he has.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. BRENDA L. LAWRENCE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on October 20, 2021, my vote was not recorded on the first vote of the series (Roll Call No. 319 on H.R. 4611). Had my vote been recorded, I would have voted:

YES on DHS Software Supply Chain Risk Management Act of 2021, as amended (Rep. TORRES (NY)—Homeland Security).

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I missed the vote on Roll Call No. 319 on October 20, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 319. Additionally, I missed the vote on Roll Call No. 324 on October 20, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 324.

#### HONORING THE WORLD WAR II, KOREAN WAR, AND VIETNAM WAR FEMALE VETERANS OF IL- LINOIS

##### HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on October 6, 2021 with HerStory Honor Flight, a program that provides women World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airwomen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardswomen who traveled here on October 6th answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the European Campaign to the Pacific Asian Theatre to the African Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

Maria Acevedo, Celeste F. Ackermann, Jeannie L. Adams, Miljan E. Akin, Kay Ann Akins, Romaine Albrecht, Paula L. Annino, Priscilla Elaine Artz, Mary J. Arvidson, Mary Claire Baker, Vida C. Barber, Josephine Bogdanich, Nancy Bernice Boyer, Mary L. Brady, Martha L. Bray, Melody Brocato, Geraldine S. Butts, Dorothy M. Calvin, Joyce A. Campbell-Terry, Denise E. Carson, Norma J. Cella, Ervine Clay, Victoria L. Cobbett, Teresa W. Cole, Cynthia D. Collins, Marva Crandall, Emeline M. Croucher, Rochelle Crump, Amelia E. Cunningham, Rosemary Tamborello Danaher, Elizabeth Day, Gwen M. Diehl, Leasha A. Dixon, Judith A. Doran, Constance L. Edwards, Patricia L. Eidam, Debra L. Emery, Beverly A. England, Sandra L. Forsberg, Diana Gibson, Donna Ann Glielmi, Rita Lynn Gorman, Diana P. Hackbarth, Katherine O. Haile, Eileen Hands, Valorie J. Harris, Catherine A. Harvey, Margaret Mary Hayes, Kathleen Hegg, Charlotte A. Hodder, Rita G. Holmes, Connie R. Holt, Bette C. Horstman, Lane E. Knox, Jeanne M. Kowalski, Melinda C. Larson, Beverly C. Lencioni, Patti L. Lindley, Elizabeth C. Ludwig, Carol Ann Macola, Lisa A. Mattingly, Bernadette McCraven, Edith P. McDonald, Charlotte E. McGrath, Mary McLean, Karen T. Meter, Molly Miller-Bartom, Wilverlyn Joye Morris, Dana C. Morrison, Jane Moyers, Edwina C. Mroz, Virginia Narsete, Peggy M. Nuelle, Betty Lou Paps, Rochelle B. Perkins, Loretta M. Peters, Mary Roberson, Annie H. Robinson, Katie S. Ross, Kathryn J. Rutledge, Claudia Lynn Ryczkowski, Mary K. Santine, Diane M. Spurgeon, Carol Jean Stegall, Ellen F. Stevenson, Nancy L. Sumner, Barbara Thompson, Patricia A. Tiner, Alexandria Welty, Sandra White-Shelley, Barbara J. Whitman, Lorraine Williams, Thereseann Taggart Sankey.

# MEDICAL MARIJUANA RESEARCH ACT

## HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 21, 2021*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the Medical Marijuana Research Act. This legislation would remove barriers for research into cannabis and facilitate access to an increased supply of higher quality medical grade cannabis for research purposes.

The cannabis laws in this country are broken, including our laws that govern cannabis research. Because cannabis is a Schedule I substance, researchers must jump through hoops and comply with onerous requirements just to do basic research on the medical potential of the plant.

The Medical Marijuana Research Act amends the Controlled Substances Act to establish a new, separate registration process, specific for marijuana. The bill would both streamline the often-duplicative licensure process for researchers seeking to conduct cannabis research and facilitate access to an increased supply of higher quality medical grade cannabis for research purposes.

The Medical Marijuana Research Act will ensure that research on cannabis and other potentially beneficial marijuana-derived substances is based on sound science and reduce the regulatory barriers associated with marijuana research. The legislation requires the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) to license outside of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) to ensure that there is an adequate supply of cannabis product to study. The legislation also shortens timelines, reduces unnecessary security measures, and streamlines approval for researchers.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House and Senate to enact this legislation and enable research into the medical impacts from using cannabis so Americans have adequate access to potentially transformative medicines and treatments.

# CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BUFFALO MEDICAL GROUP

## HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 21, 2021*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of Buffalo Medical Group, one of the oldest and largest physician-driven group practices in New York State. This year it will be celebrating its 75th anniversary.

Buffalo Medical Group was founded in 1946, the year after World War II ended. Inspired by the new model of group physician practice they had experienced during the war, practices in that model were resumed by the organization's visionary founders, Drs. Ramsdell Gurney, Murray S. Howland, Jr., George F. Koepf, and Frank Meyers.

The organization has flourished and now records more than 850,000 outpatient visits annually throughout its locations. Built from a 75-year-old desire to provide the best possible

health care, Buffalo Medical Group continues to provide innovative patient care today.

Buffalo Medical Group employs not only more than 200 primary care, specialist, subspecialist physicians and advanced practitioners but also over 800 other health care professionals. The organization serves the people of Western New York from a number of locations, including four main locations and seven office satellites.

Buffalo Medical Group operates in a number of medical spheres, including but not limited to family medicine, cancer care, and vascular surgery. The organization also provides a number of support services for the people of Western New York, such as physical therapy, radiation services, and pharmacy services. The organization ensures that the people of Western New York have access to a plethora of medical resources.

Madam Speaker, it is a pleasure to honor Buffalo Medical Group, an organization that has operated in and for Western New York for 75 years. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this milestone.

# HONORING JAMES P. BURIK

## HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 21, 2021*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Naval Air Crewman 1st Class James "Jimmy" P. Burik, who died on August 31, 2021, at the age of 31.

Mr. Burik, of Salem, Virginia, was one of the five sailors that lost their lives when an MH-60S helicopter embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Abraham Lincoln*, crashed into the sea off the coast of southern California. At the time of the crash, the helicopter was conducting what the Navy described as "routine flight operations."

Mr. Burik was born on May 9, 1990, to Jim and Carol Burik in Salem. He graduated from Salem High School in 2008 and from Roanoke College in 2012. He joined the Navy in 2017 and served as a rescue swimmer assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron Eight. He deployed aboard the USS *Theodore Roosevelt* for two consecutive tours before departing for the USS *Abraham Lincoln*.

Last year, Mr. Burik was honored for rescuing a man caught in a rip current off Guam's Gun Beach. Though coral reefs surround the island, and the gentleman was weak from exhaustion, Mr. Burik was still able to pull him from the current and bring him safely to shore. He was off duty at the time of the rescue and earned the Navy Commendation Medal for his selflessness and bravery.

Mr. Burik's thoughtful character far exceeded the parameters of his job. He always went out of his way to help those in need and go the extra mile that others weren't willing to do. He was a charismatic and caring man. He valued his friends and time spent with his wife and son. He was esteemed as a hero. I offer my gratitude for his work and sacrifice for our great country. His selfless service will not be forgotten.

His wife, Megan, is starting the AWS1 James Burik Foundation to continue honoring his legacy. The foundation will seek to improve financial shortcomings for Gold Star families with small children.

Mr. Burik is survived by his wife, Megan, and young son, Caulder, as well as his parents, Jim and Carol Burik, his sister, Laura, and brother-in-law, Erik Zickefoose. I offer them my condolences on their loss.

# RECOGNIZING FERNDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT DANIA BAZZI, MICHIGAN'S 2022 SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

## HON. ANDY LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 21, 2021*

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ferndale Public Schools Superintendent Dania Bazzi, named by the Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators as Michigan's 2022 Superintendent of the Year.

Since joining Ferndale Public Schools in 2017, and especially during the unprecedented 2020–2021 school year, Dr. Bazzi has demonstrated exemplary dedication to students, educators and the Ferndale community at large. Under her direction, Ferndale Public Schools has received awards for equity, innovation, and leadership. Dr. Bazzi is known for placing students and education professionals at the center of every decision, and for taking a systematic approach to uplift the needs of all students. She is making a remarkable impact on the Ferndale Schools community and is a major asset to public education in Michigan.

It is gratifying to know that the hard-working and diverse Ferndale Schools community—all 3,000 students and the talented and caring education professionals who help them to "Fly High"—are in the very capable hands of Dr. Dania Bazzi. I am truly proud to have the honor of recognizing Dr. Bazzi for being named Michigan's 2022 Superintendent of the Year, and I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating her and the entire Ferndale Public Schools community for this impressive achievement.

# HONORING CALDWELL DURHAM

## HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 21, 2021*

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I wish to dedicate some time today to commemorate the 100th birthday of Caldwell Durham. Born in Raymond, Mississippi, more than two decades before Brown v. Board of Education, there was no guarantee that Caldwell Durham (Electrical Engineer Class of 1951 at IIT) or his brothers and sisters would have access to an education. If it were not for the courage and idealism of his parents, Chaney and Curtis Durham, Caldwell might have had a very different life.

At 100, he has worked tenaciously while enjoying a successful, barrier-breaking career as an aerospace engineer. He married the love of his life, Burnette Short Durham, and together they raised three children. He has four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, cousins and in-laws. He stays in